

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, between the title and the first paragraph, insert the following new subheading (centered):

Background of the Invention

Page 5, before the paragraph beginning on line 29, insert the following new subheading (centered):

Summary of the Invention

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 31 with the following amended paragraph:

providing a ~~recipient~~receptacle, which preferably consists of a cylinder of a pre-form machine, having rigid side walls;

Page 6, replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

arranging a first mixture containing PTFE and a filler, and a second mixture containing PTFE, inside the ~~recipient~~receptacle, side by side and aligned with the side walls; and

Page 7, replace the subheading on line 25 with the following amended subheading:

Detailed Description of the Invention

Page 8, replace the paragraph beginning on line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

After these steps, the billet 5 having the mixtures A and B is extruded to form a stand 6, as depicted in figure 6, which is subsequently rolled, stretched, heated

and cut by known processes in the art to form the inventive PTFE filament 7 (figure 7), as follows:

Page 9, replace the paragraph beginning on line 31 through page 10, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The expanded PTFE filament 7 obtained from the technique described above is depicted in figure 7, ~~reference number 7~~, and presents two sides with different characteristics, principally their coefficients of friction, determined according to the method described below. On side A, the filament contains PTFE-filler (one color) and, on side B, contains pure PTFE (another color).

Page 11, replace the paragraph on line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

(1) Measure 5 pieces of floss, ~~each 110 mm~~ each 110 mm in length